

House Resolution 1932 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Henson of the 87th, Watson of the 91st, Shipp of the 58th, Chambers of the 81st, Abrams of the 84th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on DeKalb County Court Fines and Fees; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, DeKalb County has a need to provide for additional technology for its criminal
4 justice programs; and

5 WHEREAS, many counties have funded court technology through the use of additional fines
6 or fees on civil and criminal cases in the various county courts; and

7 WHEREAS, as a result of the convenience of this method of funding programs, over the
8 years, the additional fines and fees imposed in civil and criminal cases have become
9 somewhat overwhelming; and

10 WHEREAS, while this may be the most appropriate means for funding the needed
11 improvements in technology for DeKalb County courts, it is a matter which is deserving of
12 study before moving forward on such measures.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 there is created the House Study Committee on DeKalb County Court Fines and Fees to be
15 composed of 12 members. Six of the members shall be from the DeKalb County delegation
16 in the House of Representatives and shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives. The other members shall be the District Attorney of DeKalb County or his
18 or her designee, the Sheriff of DeKalb County or his or her designee, the Clerk of the State
19 Court of DeKalb County or his or her designee, the Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb
20 County or his or her designee, the chief executive officer of DeKalb County or his or her
21 designee, and the presiding officer of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County or his
22 or her designee. The Speaker shall appoint one of the DeKalb County delegation members
23 to serve as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
24 committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
3 or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
7 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
8 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless
9 additional days are authorized. The other members of the committee shall serve without
10 compensation. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
11 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event that the committee
12 makes a report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed
13 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2008. The
14 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2008.